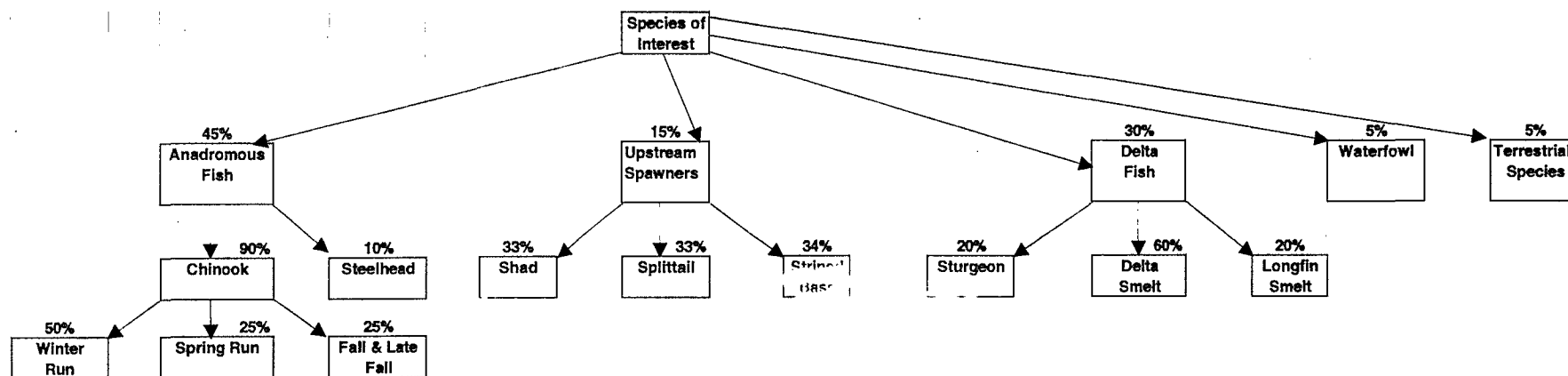


# Draft      Performance Measure:      Species of Interest

Objective:      Increase population health and population size of Delta species to levels that assure sustained survival.



This performance measure reflects the degree to which the alternative provided species-specific stock management and habitat protection or restoration actions that are likely to increase the population of the species of interest. Because the likely benefit of an action will vary with the species, separate benefit factors for 12 species or groups are identified for rating.

The allocation of benefits between these species of interest is difficult and will likely change. Because the actions and alternatives will be separately rated for each important species, the assumed allocation of benefits can easily be adjusted once the initial rating for each species is completed. Additional species can be added as necessary. The most likely units for measuring species population benefits will be percentage change in the existing target or target average abundance.

Habitat protection or restoration actions that provide general aquatic or wetland habitat benefits will be rated in the aquatic habitat performance measure. However, if the primary purpose of the habitat management action is to benefit one of the important species, then additional credit will be given in the important species performance rating. However, CALFED generally endorses integrated habitat management practices that will benefit a wide range of aquatic and terrestrial species.